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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,
FOR THE YEAR 1904.

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REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hallaton Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Report on the Health and Sanitation of your District in 1904.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population :—

Census, 1891 ...	...	...	2,139
Census, 1901 ...	...	...	1,925
Estimated to middle of 1904	...	...	1,860

During the year 49 Births and 22 Deaths have been registered in the District. In addition to the latter there were two Deaths in the Union Workhouse, Uppingham, among persons belonging to the District.

The Birth Rate is	...	26·3	per 1,000 of the population.
The Death Rate is	...	12·9	„ „
The Zymotic Death Rate is	...	0·53	„ „
The Infant Mortality Rate is	102	„	<i>Births</i>

It is satisfactory, especially in consideration of the rural nature of the District and the steadily decreasing population, to publish a Birth Rate considerably above the average for the preceding decennium. The gross death rate, 12·8, is below the average for your District, as is also the Zymotic Death Rate.

I record one fatal case of Zymotic Enteritis (Summer Diarrhœa) at Drayton, and five fatal cases of Influenza, a serious type of which was rather prevalent in Great Easton and Medbourne. A death from Consumption was recorded at Great Easton. There were two deaths from Bronchitis, and two from diseases of the heart.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

I received twenty-seven Notifications, viz. :—Scarlet Fever, 25, and Chicken-pox, 2.

SCARLET FEVER.

The first two cases were notified at Hallaton in the last week of April, and during the succeeding nine weeks twelve cases at Hallaton and Blaston came under observation. The majority of the patients, including those at Blaston, were Hallaton schoolchildren. Most of the cases which I saw belonged, in my opinion, to a trivial type of fever, tentatively termed "Fourth Disease," by Dr. Duke, of Rugby. The attendance at the school was seriously diminished and closure for the summer vacation was consequently commenced earlier than usual.

In Medbourne three cases were notified in the latter half of August. One of the patients after the completion of the characteristic peeling, and the disinfection of the premises, developed a highly infectious late complication of the disease, and presumably infected others. Six more cases were notified during October and November, and one parent was convicted and fined for carelessly exposing an infectious child in public without proper precautions against spreading the disease. I visited the school early in November, and, having detected a suspicious case among the scholars, advised closure for three weeks. School closure as in all similar instances in my Districts was supplemented by disinfection, and sanitary improvements which I advised were duly carried out.

There was one case at Great Easton and one at Neville Holt.

CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT.

Only five complaints as to nuisance were received during the year. As a result of a house-to-house inspection of part of Hallatou, I advised the abolition of four insanitary pits and the substitution of proper pails. Further details of sanitary supervision are summarized in the Inspector's statistical Report, which I append, together with the tables required by the Local Government Board.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are no factories in the District. As to workshops there are five small bakehouses which are regularly lime-washed and kept in a cleanly condition. There are two other small workshops. Thirty-eight inspections of workshops and workplaces were made during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. O'CONNOR, Capt.,

Medical Officer of Health,

Leicestershire, Rutland and Warwick Combined
Sanitary Districts.

Kirby Muxloe,

Leicester,

4th February, 1905.

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Complaints, No. received	...	...	...	5
Premises, Houses, &c., No. inspected	...	...	...	47
Pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse, No. inspected	...	...	...	4
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	4
Privy, urinal, cesspool, ashpit, No. inspected	...	...	...	26
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	14
Drain, drain-traps, etc., etc., No. inspected	...	...	...	13
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	8
Offensive accumulations, No. inspected	...	...	...	3
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	3
Slaughter houses, No. inspections	...	...	...	2
Dairymen, cowkeepers, purveyors of milk, No. registered	...	...	...	2
No. in District	...	...	...	4
No. of inspections of premises	...	...	...	4
Infectious Diseases :—				
Houses affected with	...	...	...	20
Houses inspected	...	...	...	22
No. of inspections	...	...	...	39
Houses disinfected	...	...	...	20
Schools „	...	...	...	2
Disinfectant used	...	...	..	Formaline
Lots of clothing disinfected	...	...	... fumigated	20
Privy Middens, No. converted to pails	...	...	...	4
Pail or earth closets, No. converted to W.C.'s	...	...	...	6
Water closets, new provided	...	...	...	2

Water supply :—

Samples taken for analysis	...	...	...	3
„ condemned ..	...	...	...	1
Wells closed	...	...	...	1
Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered	...	...	...	1
Total Legal Proceedings, <i>i.e.</i> , Summonses, &c.	...	...	...	1
Convictions ...	...	...	...	1

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

Workshops, total number on register (including bake-houses)	...	...	...	...	7
Bakehouses, No. on Register	...	...	...	...	5

JNO. GRAY,

Sanitary Inspector.

J. E. O'CONNOR,

Medical Officer of Health.

